

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 3340–3351; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73 and H. Con. Res. 307, were introduced. **Pages H9737–38**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H9738**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 407, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–323); and

H.R. 1081, to establish marine and freshwater research, development, and demonstration programs to support efforts to prevent, control, and eradicate invasive species, as well as to educate citizens and stakeholders and restore ecosystems, amended, (H. Rept. 108–324, Pt. 1). **Page H9738**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Aderholt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9689**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H9690**

**Commending the National Endowment for Democracy:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 66, commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy. **Page H9691**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Sense of the House regarding the man-made famine in Ukraine in 1932–1933:*** H. Res. 356, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the man-made famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932–1933 by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 563; **Pages H9692–94, H9705**

***Honoring the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's ascension to the papacy:*** H. Res. 400, amended, honoring the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's ascension to the papacy by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 564; **Pages H9694–97, H9706**

***California Missions Preservation Act:*** H.R. 1446, to support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions; **Pages H9697–99**

***Repealing the reservation of mineral rights in Livingston Parish, Louisiana:*** H.R. 542, to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, were conveyed by Public Law 102–562; **Pages H9699–H9700**

***International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003:*** H.R. 2048, amended, to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund; **Page H9700**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000”. **Page H9700**

***Edward O'Grady, Waverly Brown, Peter Paige Post Office Building Designation Act:*** S. 1591, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 48 South Broadway, Nyack, New York, as the “Edward O'Grady, Waverly Brown, Peter Paige Post Office Building”; **Pages H9700–02**

***Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office Building Designation Act:*** H.R. 3068, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2055 Siesta Drive in Sarasota, Florida, as the “Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office”; and **Pages H9702–03**

***Amending title XXI of the Social Security Act:*** H.R. 3288, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make technical corrections with respect to the definition of qualifying State by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 565. **Pages H9703–04, H9706–07**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H9704**

**Privileged Resolution:** The Chair ruled that the McDermott resolution to correct the Congressional Record of January 28, 2003, did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House under Rule 9. **Pages H9704–05**

**Commission on International Religious Freedom:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Ms. Patricia W. Chang of San Francisco, California to the Commission on International Religious Freedom. **Page H9707**

**Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965:** The House agreed that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider H.R. 2535, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Public Works and

Economic Development Act of 1965, that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment; that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, modified by the Blackburn amendment placed at the desk, shall be considered as adopted; that all points of order against the bill, as amended, shall be waived; that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate, and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions; and the Blackburn amendment shall be considered as read for purposes of this unanimous consent request.

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**Energy Policy Act of 2003:** Representative Markey announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people.

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**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003:** Representative Woolsey announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit.

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**Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003:** Representative Brown of Ohio announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9689.

**Senate Referral:** S. 300 was ordered held at the desk.

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**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BLACKOUTS, HURRICANES, AND OTHER DISASTERS—EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR MONEY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Government and Industry Efforts to Protect Our Money During Blackouts, Hurricanes, and Other Disasters.” Testimony was heard from Wayne A. Abernathy, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Mark W. Olson,

member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

### FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

### OFFSHORING OF HIGH-SKILLED JOBS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on the Offshoring of High-Skilled Jobs, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold a closed briefing regarding ongoing military operations and areas of key concern around the world, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine tax shelters, and the role of the Federal Government relative to the buying and selling of tax shelters, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the “Convention”), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the “Agreement”), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103–39), 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine U.S. energy security relating to West Africa and Latin America, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine criminal terrorism investigations and prosecutions relating to national security, 10 a.m., SD–226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the United States National Arboretum, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on Operation Iraqi Freedom: Outside Perspectives, 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.